

MR. COWLEY ON THE STAND.

BEGINNING HIS STORY OF LIFE IN THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD.

What Mrs. Cordelia Gagigan Saw of Home-Life Disciplines and the Rev. Uriah Tracy at the Time Mr. Cowley First Saw Him.

The gathering of clerical friends about the Rev. Edward Cowley of the so-called Shepherd's Fold during his trial yesterday rivaled that of women friends around Mrs. Cowley in the enclosure for women witnesses. Among them were the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, rector of Trinity Church; the Rev. Dr. Henry C. Potter, rector of Grace Church, and a son of the Right Rev. Horatio Potter, Dr. H. Smith, Rev. Dr. George Southgate, D. D., formerly Missionary Bishop of Constantinople; the Rev. Joseph H. Ryman, rector of St. Mark's Church; the Rev. Robert S. Howland, rector of the Church of the Heavenly Host; and the Rev. Uriah T. Tracy, rector of the Church of the Epiphany.

Mrs. Cordelia Gagigan of 131 West Forty-seventh street testified that she has been a trustee and a member of the Committee on Clothing of the Children's and the Shepherd's Fold for about six years. She visited the Shepherd's Fold frequently until the past year. Then her visits became less frequent. She saw some of the children in the Sunday school classes of her parish church on Sundays, and on weekdays they went on errands or to her house from the Fold. The appearance of the children, in her opinion, always indicated that they were well cared for. The demonstrations of affection of the children in the Fold toward Mr. and Mrs. Cowley, when she visited them, were apparent.

"What was the word, madam, with which you characterized the children's deportment?" Mr. Tracy asked.

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"But did you, as a trustee, madam, in your numerous visits, ever think it worth while to see the children at their meals?"

"I never did," Mrs. Gagigan said. "I obtained situations free, lodgings and meals at \$10 each, and I gave the money to the Fold, sir, to care for me."

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"Not for two children, William Clark and Eliza Job, were removed, in a diseased condition, to your parsonage?"

The Rev. Uriah T. Tracy, pastor of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, testifying in the trial of Mr. Cowley, said that the Shepherd's Fold when it was in Forty-ninth street near his church, Children and Orphans were in the Fold.

"I cannot better describe them," he continued, "than by saying that they had the look of healthy, happy, well-nourished children. They should not have had a little less than the usual amount of institutional repression in the Fold."

"Do you look that you speak of," asked Barber-Smyth, "indicate health, happiness, and contentment?"

"I draw a distinction between children, well-nourished and, kindly reared in a home and children brought up in a repressive institution. As institutional children, they had the look of healthy, happy, well-nourished children in the Fold in Sixtieth street twice, only to assure some of the children to sit in the chair of their choice."

You know, nothing, of the interior management of the Fold nor of the food given to the children by Mr. Cowley," he said.

"I was there, sir, at either of the visits to inspect the institution."

Miss Anna Callaghan testified that she acted as nurse to the children in the Fold from February 1879 until the fall of 1880, inclusive. In this period the treatment of the children by Mr. Cowley was parental. In all respects, she said, he was a good man, and any complaint as to lack of food on the part of the children as she usually visited the child department, she always found him to be good.

"He was, sir, Miss Callaghan's answer, "not the boy, but the children have to eat."

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Miss Callaghan then testified that she saw Mr. Cowley twice in the Fold, once in the Fall of 1879, and once in the Spring of 1880. In the first instance, he was allowed to supply it upon his own account.

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